

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL RULES OF COURT OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009

The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania has adopted amendments to the Local Rules of Court effective December 1, 2009.

A copy of the amendments to the Local Rules of Court may be obtained from the Clerk's Office and the Court's web site at www.pamd.uscourts.gov

A copy of the redlined version of the amendments may be obtained [here](#).

Summary of Local Rule Amendments Effective December 1, 2009

1. **LR 26.1 Duty to Investigate and Disclose.** The proposed amendments to LR 26.1 have been made to be consistent with Rule 34 terminology referencing electronically stored information (ESI).
2. **Joint Case Management Plan Form.** Extensive revisions are being proposed to the Joint Case Management Plan Form to streamline the Form and make it more suited to the realities of practice and the needs of the court.
3. **"Time Computation" amendments to LR 4.1, LR 7.3, LR 7.5, LR 7.6, LR 7.7, LR 7.10, LR 7.22, LR 7.30, LR 7.31, LR 7.32, LR 16.3, LR 16.6, LR 16.8.7, LR 41.1, LR 54.3, LR 54.5, LR 54.6, LR 58.1, LR 59.1, LR 67.1, LR 72.2, LR 72.3, LR 83.8.2.4, LR 83.10.4, LR 83.30.4, LR 83.40.2, LR 83.40.6, LCrR 12.1, and LCrR 58.1 and proposed amendments to LR 7.1 et seq.** "Time computation" amendments to Federal Rules 6, 12, 14, 15, 23, 27, 32, 38, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 59, 62, 65, 68, 71, 72, 81, Supplemental rules B, C and G, and Illustrative Civil Forms 3, 4, and 60 will become effective December 1, 2009. Local Rules affected by the proposed "Time-Computation" amendments have been modified to be consistent with the Federal Rules Amendments. Additionally, proposed amendments have been made to LR 7.1 et seq. to provide for a single series of rules addressing briefing schedules. The separate post trial motions rules (LR 7.20, 7.22, 7.23, 7.24, 7.30, 7.31, 7.32 and 7.33) would be eliminated. The references to "pretrial" in LR 7.1, 7.3, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 and 7.9 would be eliminated. Modifications to the rules are also proposed in syntax for the purpose of clarity and for the sake of uniformity to other rules.